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INSCRIPTIONS FROM GRAVESTONES IN THE OLD BURYING GROUND IN WENHAM.¹

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JOSEPH GERRISH.

NOTE.—The inscription is on a footstone of common slate, standing near the "Monument" over the remains of the Rev. Joseph Gerrish, pastor at Wenham 1674–1720.

The monument consists of a horizontal slab of free-stone, supported by brick-work.

The inscription—in Latin—is well nigh illegible, "owing to the crumbling and unsubstantial nature of the stone." Some of the letters of the name, however, with a few others can still be deciphered.

In 1785, the town "Voted, to repair the Monument over the Rev. Joseph Gerrishes remains in our burying ground."

¹This "Ground" was probably used as a place of burial, from the first settlement of the town, although neither record nor tradition has come down to us "of the choice or dedication of the spot."

It is first mentioned in the town records in the year 1681.

In a deed of adjoining land, sold in 1700, it is referred to as "Burying Hill—so called—belonging to ye town of Wenham."

In 1750, a Committee was chosen by the town "to affix the boundaries of the Burying Place with the adjacent Proprietors, and make Report at next meeting."

The Committee accordingly reported, that "In order hereminto we applied our selves unto the Town Book for some Record or grant made unto the Town but Could find none at all therefore being at a loss how the Town Came by it."

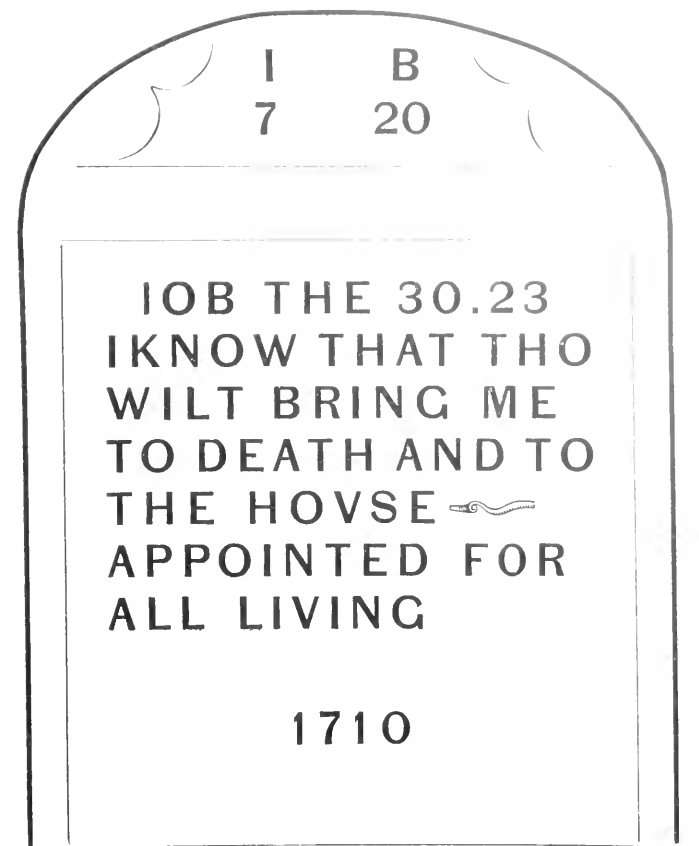
Subsequently, for several years, votes were passed by the town in relation to fencing the Burying Place.

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In 1869, the brick-work was renewed, by an appropriation from the cemetery fund.



A half-mile stone which stands on the outer edge of the sidewalk, near the entrance to the "old ground," attracts considerable attention. It bears the date 1710.


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HERE LYE THE REMAINS OF | THE REV^D. M^R. ROBERT
 WARD | WHO WAS BORN AT | CHARLESTOWN SEPT^R Y^E 23^D, |
 ANNO DOMINI 1694 | TOOK HIS FIRST DEGREE | AT HARVARD
 COLLEGE IN | CAMBRIDGE ANNO 1719 | WAS ORDAINED PAS-
 TOR OF | THE CHURCH IN WENHAM | JAN^{RY} Y^E 25TH 1721-2
 AND AFTER | F^{OR} HAD FOR MORE THAN | TEN YEARS FAITH-
 FULLY & | H^{ON}OURABLY SERVED CHRIST | IN THAT OFFICE
 HE WAS | TR^{AN}S LATED TO HIS MASTERS JOY JULY | Y^E
 19 1732 AGE , NEAR 38 YEARS.

Here Lye Buried y^e Body | of M^{RS} PRISCILLA WARD
 | Wife to y^e Rev. M^R ROBERT | WARD: & Daugh^{TR} of

Two other, similar stones, bearing the same date, are standing on the road
 toward Ipswich: one in front of the Town Hall (as represented below), a half of
 a mile distant.

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| N 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ | B 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| I 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | S 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 17 | 10  |

The other a half of a mile beyond, in front of the residence of Mrs. H. E. Pingree.

y^e Hon^{ble} | Coll^{no} JOHN APPLETON | of IPSWICH: Who
Dec^d July | 22^d Anno Dom. MDCCXXIV. | Ætatisq^β sue
XXVIII.

Them which Sleep in Jesus will GOD bring wth him.

HERE LYES BURIED | THE BODY OF | M^{RS} MARGARET
WARD, | RELICT OF THE REV. M^R. | ROBERT WARD, AND A
| DAU^R OF DANIEL ROGERS | ESQ^R. LATE OF IPSWICH. |
WHO DEPARTED THIS | LIFE FEB^{RY} Y^E 7TH 1742-3 |
HAVING JUST COMPLETED | Y^E 44TH YEAR OF HER AGE.

Here lye the Remains of the | Reverend M^r. JOHN WAR-
REN, | who was born at ROXBURY | Septem^r 18th 1704,
took his first | Degree at the College in | CAMBRIDGE, in
the year 1725. | began to preach 1727 was ordained | to
the pastoral Office in WENHAM | JANUARY 10th 1732-3
wherein he was a | burning and shining Light for | more
than 16 Years, greatly | beloved of his Brethren in the |
Ministry as well as of his own Flock | & deservedly la-
mented at his Death | which was on July 19th 1749. |
Ætatis 45.

In Memory | of the Reverend | JOSEPH SWAIN, M. A.
| Pastor of the Church | in Wenham, | who departed
this life | June 29th 1792, in the 71st | year of his age, &
42^d year | of his Ministry. | In his public character, he
was a | judicious divine, & a respectable | minister of the
Gospel: In domestic life, | an affectionate husband, | a
tender parent, & sincere friend.

“Be thou faithful unto Death | and I will give thee a Crown of
life.”

“The memory of the just is blessed.”

In Memory of | Mrs. ELISABETH SWAIN, | the amiable
Consort of | the Rev. JOSEPH SWAIN | who departed this
life | Nov. 7th 1773. | in the 54th Year | of her Age.

Weep not, she is not dead, but sleepeth.

ERECTED | in memory of | M^{rs} ELISABETH SWAIN, |
 the amiable consort of the | Rev. JOSEPH SWAIN, | who
 departed this life | November 8th 1789, | in the 64th year
 of her | age.

To die to live, how happy such a death,
 To die to live in bliss surprising thought,
 To live in bliss to all eternity.

Sacred | to the memory of the | REV. RUFUS ANDERSON.
 | Graduated at Dartmouth College 1791. | Ordained at
 Northyarmouth 1794 | Installed at Wenham 1805. | de-
 parted this life in the midst | of his usefulness respected &
 | lamented Feb. 11 1814. | Æt. 48.

Piety, benevolence, integrity & fidelity were prominent virtues in his
 amiable character.

Sleep precious dust while here confined in earth,
 Till the glad spring of nature's second birth :
 Then quit the transient winter of the tomb,
 To rise and flourish in immortal bloom.

RUTH RICHARDS, | Aunt | of the wife of | Rev. E. P.
 Sperry, | Died | Sept. 26, 1833, | aged 83.

Rev. | DANIEL MANSFIELD, | Born at Lynnfield Aug. 24,
 | 1807 ; | Graduated at Am. Col. | 1833 ; | Finished
 Theol. Studies, | Andover 1836 ; | Was settled in this
 place, | July 26th, 1837 ; | Died April 8, 1847. | As a son
 and brother | A husband and father, | He was eminently
 affectionate | and faithful. | As a Christian Minister, | He
 was able, devout, unwearied | Irreproachable, successful.
 | Most tenderly beloved | By the people of his charge ; |
 Universally esteemed & respected, | His early death was
 deplored | As a public calamity.

“ Be ye also ready ! ”

OLIVER A. | SON OF | Rev. J. & Mrs. E. P. | TAYLOR :
| Born Feb. 13, 1853, | Died March 10, 1854.

These ashes too, this little dust,
Our Father's care shall keep,
Till the last angel rise, & break
The long and dreary sleep.

Here Lyeth y^e body | of Deaⁿ William Fisk | Who
died Feb^{ry} y^e 5 | 1727-8 Aged | 85 years.

Here Lyeth the | body of Elisabth | Fisk wife To
Eben^{zr} | Fisk who died | August y^e 26 1732. | Aged 46
years.

HERE LIES BURIED | Y^E BODY OF | JONATHAN YE SON |
OF M^R. EBENEZER & | ELIZABETH FFISKE | WHO DIED
SEPT^R Y^E | 22^D 1737 AGED 24 | YEARS.

Here Lyeth y^e Body | of M^r. Benjamin Fisk | Who
Died June y^e 6th | 1742 Aged About | 67 years.

HERE LYES BURIED | THE BODY OF M^{RS} | MARY FISK
WIFE TO | M^R BENJAMIN FISK | DIED JAN^{RY} Y^E 11 | 1745
IN Y^E 67TH | YEAR OF HER AGE.

Here Lyes Buried | the Body of Cap^t | THOMAS
FFISK | Who Dec^d Febr^{ry} y^e 5 1723, | in y^e 70th Year of
his Age.

The Righteous shall be had | in everlasting Remembrance.

Mrs. | SARAH, | wife of | Mr. Samuel Fisk, | died Feb.
28, 1833, | Æt. 56. | MARTHA FISK | daughter of | the
above named | died March 10, 1833 | Æt. 34.

WILLIAM FISK, | died | July 11. 1821. | Æt. 17.

Once I was blooming fresh and gay,
And now my body's turned to clay.
So when the Lord the summons sends,
We all must go and leave our friends.

SAMUEL B. | FISK | DIED | Nov. 5, 1845, | Æ. 32.

Here Lyes y^e body | of Daniel Killim | who died
Augst | y^e 29th 1734 in y^e | 85th year of his Age.

HERE LYES Y^E | BODY OF SARA^H | Y^E WIFE OF DAN |
EIL KILLAM W^HO | DIED JAN^{'RY} 20 1715 | AGED 70 Y^{'RS}.

SACRED | to the memory of | Mr JONATHAN KILHAM |
who died May 27th 1782, | Æ. 35. | Also his Son |
DANIEL KILHAM, | died May 27th 1782, | Æ. 9.

In cold embrace beneath this sculptur'd stone,
Sleeps a kind Father and a lovely Son,
Death's awful mandate summon'd both obey,
Nor prayers nor tears his fatal shafts could stay.

Each lovely form affection weeping view'd,
And oft their clay cold cheeks with tears bedew'd;
Lodged in this peaceful grave their bodies lie.
Their souls are flown to worlds above the sky.

“Weep not for us they smiling seem to say,
We live in relms of everlasting day.”

HON. | DANIEL KILHAM | DIED | Oct. 12, 1841 | Aged
88.

HANNAH KILHAM | Died | April 7, 1850 | Aged 65
years.

“Even so them also which sleep in Jesus | will God bring with him.”

REBECCA F. KILHAM | Died | January 27, 1879, |
Aged 82 yrs.

HERE LIETH Y^E BODY | OF M^{RS} RUTH WHITE, | WIDOW
OF CAP^T THOMAS | WHITE WHO DIED | DECEMBER Y^E
10TH 1713 | & IN Y^E 80TH YEARE | OF HER AGE.

Here Lyeth y^e body | of Elisabeth White | Wife to
Josiah White | died June y^e 7th 1728 | in y^e 19 year of |
her Age. also | A Infant Elisabeth | White about 14th |
days old.

Here Lyes y^e body | of Abigail White | Wife to Josiah
White | Who died July y^e | 2nd 1730 in y^e 23 | year of
her age.

In Memory of | Mr. JOHN WHITE | of Salem | who
Died Jan^{ry} 11th | 1781 in the 85th | Year of his age.

HERE LYES Y^E BODY OF | SARAH FAIRFIELD | WIFE TO
WALTER | FAIRFIELD DEC^D DEC^R | Y^E 18th 1710 | IN Y^E
71ST YEAR | OF HER AGE.

Here Lyes y^e body | of Mary y^e wife | of Nath^l Fair-
field | who died Sep^{mbr} | y^e 9th 1731 in | her 60 year.

In Memory of | Mrs. SARAH FAIRFIELD | Relict of |
DOCTOR William Fairfield, | who died | Feb. 7, 1814, |
Æt. 81.

HERE LYES BURIED | THE BODY OF M^R | SKIPPER
BALCH | WHO DEPARTED | THIS LIFE the 13 | SEPTEMBER
1714 IN | YE 23RD YEAR OF HIS AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF M^{RS} | SARAH BALCH |
WHO DEPARTED | THIS LIFE Y^E | 30 SEPTEMBER | 1714
IN YE 15th | YEAR OF HER AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF M^R | FREEBORN
BALCH WHO | DEPARTED THIS | LIFE the 12 JUNE |
MDCCXXIX & IN THE | 70th YEAR OF HIS AGE.

In Memory of | Mrs. REBECCA COLE | Ob^t Dec.
14th 1790. | Æ. 61 years | wife of | Mr. ANDREW COLE
| who died Feb. 12th 1787, | on the Island of Hispaniola
| Æt. 57 years.

Sweet soul, we leave thee to thy rest,
Enjoy thy Jesus and thy God,
Till we from bands of clay released,
Spring out and climb the shining road.

HEAR LYES BURIED | the BODY OF Mr^s. | Elisabeth Cue
who | died FABUARY 15th | 1726 AND IN The | 74st YEAR
OF HER | AGE.

HERE LYES BURIED | the BODY OF M^r | ROBERT CUE
WHO | DIED FEBRUARY the | 8 Day 1736 | AGED 41
YEARS.

In Memory of | Mrs. MARY CUE Relict | of Mr ROB-
ERT CUE, who | departed this life Sep^t. | 20th 1795, in the
96 year | of her age.

Although I turn to native dust,
And lie for ages here :
The grave my body will restore,
When Jesus shall appear.

Here Lyeth y^e Body of | Mr^s. Abigail Wife to | Mr.
Nath^l Waldron | Who Died April | y^e 22nd 1733 in her |
73^d Year y^e memory | of y^e just is Blessed.

Here Lyes y^e body of | Nathanael Son to Ebenezer | &
Hannah Waldron died | March y^e 4th 1734-5 in y^e 4th |
year of his Age The Lord | Gave & y^e Lord hath taken
A | Way Blessed be the | Name of the LORD.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | MRS RUTH THE
| WIFE OF MR. EBENEZ^R | KIMBALL DAUG | HTER OF
M^R | EDWARD, WALDRO^N | WHO DIED DEC^R | 17 1764 IN
Y^E 33RD | YEAR OF HER AGE.

Deacon Caleb Kimball | departed this life, | April 14th
1800 | Ætat 70.

Our loss his gain.
His son is set in brighter worlds to rise.

MARGARET The | DAUGHTER OF MR. | Jonathan And |
 Martha Kimball | Who died NOV^R | 14TH 1737 in y^e 3rd
 | YEAR OF HER AGE.

MARTHA the DAUG | hter of M^r JONA | THAN & MAR-
 THA | KIMBALL who died | June 23rd 1736. | AGE IN 4TH
 YEAR.

HEARE LIES BURIED | Y^E BODY OF | SAMUEL Y^E SON |
 OF M^R JOHN & | CHARITY KEMBAL | WHO DIED OCTOB^R
 | 23 1737 IN Y^E 18TH | YEAR OF HIS AGE.

HERE LYES BURIED | the BODY OF MRS. | ELIZABETH
 KIMBALL | the WIFE OF M^R | BENJAMIN KIMBALL | WHO
 DEPARTED THIS | LIFE FEB^{RY} the 13 1738 | IN Y^E 33
 YEAR OF HER AGE.

In Memory of | Mr. JAMES KIMBALL | who died | Nov.
 3, 1807 ; | Aged 74.

In Memory of | Mrs. MARTHA KIMBALL | relict of |
 Mr. James Kimball | who died | April 12, 1809 | Aged
 75.

Rev. | JOHN KIMBALL, | died | Sept. 1, 1824. | Æt.
 61.

Miss | MARY KIMBALL, | died | Jan, 1, 1835. |
 Æt. 82.

In memory of | CAP^t THOMAS KIMBALL | who died |
 May 21 1805 | Æt. 76.

He died in Jesus and is blest
 How kind their slumbers are!
 From suffering and from sin released,
 And freed from every snare.

In Memory of | Mrs. MARY KIMBALL | wife of Capt
Thos Kimball | who died April 24th 1799 | in the 72^d Year
| of her Age.

Although I turn to native dust,
And lie for ages here,
The grave my body shall restore,
When Jesus shall appear.

In memory of | Mrs. ELISABETH | KIMBALL wife of |
Capt Thomas | Kimball who died | Aug. 1 1804. | Æ. 58.

The dead no more can speak
They dwell in silence in the grave.

In Memory of | MR. THOMAS KIMBALL | who departed
this life, | Dec. 27 1810. | Æt. 54.

Retire my friends dry up your tears,
Here I must rest till Christ appears.

In memory of | MRS. HULDAH KIMBALL, | wife of |
Mr. Thomas Kimball, | who died Feb. 27 1835 | aged 75
years. | Also their Son | MR. JOHN KIMBALL | who died
Nov. 15, 1835, | aged 44 years.

Happy souls your days are ended
All your sufferings here below
Go by angel guards attended
To the arms of Jesus go.

Mr. | THOS. KIMBALL | Died | Oct. 25, 1845. | Æt. 56.

In Memory of | JOHN KIMBALL | who died | April 18,
1842, | Aged 22 Years.

Let me die the death | of the righteous, and let | my last end be
like his.

REBECCA | wife of | Dea. Nathaniel | KIMBALL | died |
Feb. 9, 1843. | Æ. 71.

Mr. | JOSIAH KIMBALL | died | Dec. 1, 1825. | Æt. 31.

Behold and see, you that pass by
As you are now so once was I,
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for Death, and follow me.

George W. | Son of Josiah M. & | Althea Kimball, was
| Killed by lightning, | July 25, 1821. | Æt. 8.

Mrs. | Sarah | wife of | Mr. Paul Kimball, | died Feb.
12, 1827. | Æt. 27.

Friends nor Physician could not save,
My mortal body from the grave;
Nor can the grave confine me here,
When Christ commands me to appear.

MARY ANN | Daughter of | PAUL & SALLY | KIM-
BALL | died Jan. 17, 1838, | aged 6 years 1 month | and
3 days.

Emblem of innocence,
Thy placid mind
Knew no rough passions,
And no thoughts unkind;
Bright were our hopes,
We mourn to find them vain,
But God is just
And man must not complain.

³HERE LYES BURIED | Y^E BODY OF M^R | SAMUEL SEE-
DEN | AGED 54 YEARS | DEC^D SEP^T YE 2^D | 1730.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | M^R JOHN PORTER
| WHO DEPARTED | THIS LIFE MARCH 8TH | 1753 IN THE
95 YEAR | OF HIS AGE.

HERE LYES BURIED | THE BODY OF MRS. | LYDIA
PORTER WHO | DIED FEBRUARY | the 19 1737 & IN |
the 76 YEAR OF | HER AGE.

³ The edge of the stone is broken off.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF M^R | JONATHAN
PORTER | WHO DEPARTED | THIS LIFE | OCTOBER 9TH 1759
| IN THE 63RD | YEAR OF HIS AGE.

In Memory of | M^{RS} LYDIA PORTER | the wife of | M^R
JONATHAN PORTER | who Departed this | Life Nov^R. Y^E
2^d 1785 | in the 83^d Year | of her age.

BILLY PORTER ESQ. | late a Major in the | revolu-
tionary army | died Nov. 20 1813 | Æt. 74.

Mrs. | MARY | wife of Billy Porter Esq. | died Oct.
15th 1763, | Æ. 22.

⁴HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | MRS. MARY THE |
WIFE OF BILLY | PORTER WHO | DEPARTED THIS | LIFE
OCTOBER 15 | 1763 IN THE 22^D | YEAR OF HER AGE.

TYLER PORTER ESQ^R | departed this life | June
27, 1811 | Æt. 75.

Mrs. | DORCAS | Relict of | Tyler Porter Esq. | died
Aug: 13 1821. | Æt. 81.

Sacred to | the Memory of | DR. TYLER PORTER | who
departed this | life December the | 13th A.D. 1789 | Ætat.
25.

Much lamented by all | his friends.

In Memory of | Mrs. ANNA PORTER, wife | of Mr.
NATH^L | PORTER, | & daug^R of Cap^T. JOHN | DODGE, who

⁴This stone (as also the footstone) now lies upon the ground, and was probably placed there at the time the stone was erected to the memory of Maj. Billy Porter, which, besides his own epitaph, contains one to his wife who died fifty years before him.

departed | this life Dec^r 8th 1789. | in the 27th year of |
her age.

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My flesh shall slumber in the groun
Till the last trumpets joyful sound :
Then burst the chains with sweet
(surprise,
And in my saviour's image rise.

In Memory of | Nathaniel Porter | son of Mr. Nathaniel
| & Mrs. Mary Porter, | who died Nov^r 8th | 1796 in the
3^d year | of his age.

NANCY PORTER | daught^r. of Nath^l. & Anna Porter ; |
died Nov. 7, 1803. | Æt. 19.

Farewel, bright soul a short farewel,
Till we shall meet again above,
In the sweet groves where pleasures dwell
And trees of life bear fruits of love :
While the dear dust she leaves behind
Sleeps in thy bosom sacred tomb
Soft be her bed her slumber kind,
And all her dreams of joy to come.

ERECTED | To the Memory of | JONATHAN PORTER,
Esq. | who died | July 4, 1829, | aged 59 years.

MARTHA F. | widow of | Jonathan Porter Esq. | Died
Sept. 1, 1862, | in the 93rd, year | of her age.

In Memory of | Lieut. SAMUEL PORTER | who Departed
this life | June 21st 1786 ; in y^e 75th | Year of his age.

The Sweet Memory of the Just
Dust.
Shall Flourish While they Sleep in

Mrs. Anna Porter | Relict of | Lieu^t Samuel Porter |
died March 22, 1805 ; | Æt. 90.

In Memory of | ISAAC PORTER | who died | March 21,
1837 ; | Aged 86.

In Memory of | MARY PORTER, | wife of | Isaac Porter,
| who died | Oct. 11, 1837 ; | Aged 84.

Col. | PAUL PORTER | Died | Nov. 3, 1861. | Aged |
85 yrs 6 mos.

NANCY, | wife of | Paul Porter, | DIED | Oct. 31 1850
| aged 76.

Samuel | son of | Col. Paul Porter & | Mrs. Nancy
Porter | died Jan. 22, 1813, | Aged 20 months.

CAROLINE | wife of | WILLIAM PORTER | died March 5,
1833, | in the 24 year | of her age.

It must be so — Our Father Adam's fall
And disobedience, brought this lot on all,
All die in him ; but hopeless should we be
Blest revelation, were it not for thee.

SALLY | Wife of | W^m Porter | died Sept 24 1840. |
Æ 33 yrs.

In Memory of | MR. EBENEZER PORTER | who departed
this life | March 3^d 1800, in the | 85th year of his age.

When I am buried in the dust
My withering limbs with Christ I trust.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | MRS. LYDIA THE
WIFE | OF M^r. SAMUEL ROGERS. | WHO DEPARTED THIS
| LIFE JULY Y^E 17TH 1752 | IN THE 35TH YEAR | OF HER
AGE.

CAP^T WILLIAM | ROGERS.⁵

⁵This inscription is on the footstone, the headstone being entirely gone.
W. P.

Here Lyes y^e body | of Joseph Batcheller | who died
June y^e | 26th 1720 Aged | 58 years.

In Memory of | Mr. Amos Batchelder | who departed
this life | May 4, 1809. | Aged 82.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish while they sleep in dust.

In Memory of | Mrs. Lydia Batchelder | Relict of |
Mr. Amos Batchelder | who died Nov. 26, 1813. | Aged
80.

Blessed are the dead
Which die in the Lord.

Capt. | EDMUND BATCHELDER | died | Jan. 8, 1829. |
Æt 64.

(frame,
Death's sudden stroke dissolved my feeble
Reader prepare, your fate may be the same.

SACRED | To the Memory of | MRS. ELIZABETH, | wife
of Capt. EDMUND | BATCHELDER | who died | June 30
1833 | aged 66 years.

Hail glorious gospel heavenly light whereby
We live with comfort and with comfort die
And view beyond this gloomy scene the tomb
A life of endless happiness to come.

In Memory of | Betsy Batchelder | daughter of Capt.
| Edmund Batchelder | & Mrs. Elizabeth | Batchelder |
who died Nov. 6, | 1811, Aged 21.

The patient soul, the lowly mind
Shall have a large reward.

Two children | of | Capt. Emund & | Mrs Lydia Batch-
elder | Sarah L. died | Aug 29 1824, | Æt 2. | Lydia D.
died | Aug. 15 1828 | Æt 4.

In Memory of | William Batchelder | Son of Mr Wil-
liam & M^{rs} | Elisabeth Batchelder | who died Jan^r 12th
1771, | in the 13th year of | his age.

Here lies Buried | The Body of | M^r JOHN GOTT, |
who departed this Life | June the 5th 1761, | Aged 67
Years.

Behold all you who do Pass by
As you are now so once was I.
As I am now so you must be,
Prepare for Death and follow me.

HERE LIES BURIED THE | BODY OF MRS MARTHA, |
THE WIFE OF M^r | JOHN GOTT | WHO WAS MOTHER | OF
FIVE CHILDREN, | BURIED HERE; DIED JUNE 30TH 1750,
IN THE | 58TH YEAR OF HER AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED, | THE BODY OF | JOSIAH SON OF |
MR. JOHN & MARTHA | GOTT WHO DIED | DECEMBER,
YE 5TH | 1737, in Y^E 18TH | YEAR OF HIS AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF MR. | JOHN GOTT
THE | SON OF MR. JOHN | & MARTHA GOTT | WHO DIED
NOVE | MBER THE 29TH | 1737 IN Y^E 22TH | YEAR OF HIS
AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | REBEKAH THE |
DAUGHTER OF MR. | JOHN & MARTHA | GOTT WHO DIED
| NOVEMBER Y^E 14TH | 1737 IN THE 13TH | YEAR OF HER
AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF MARTHA | THE
DAUGHTER OF MR. | JOHN & MARTHA | GOTT WHO DIED
| NOV^R Y^E 15TH 1737 | IN YE 9TH YEAR OF | her AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF NATHA | NIEL GOTT
THE SON OF | MR. JOHN & MARTHA | GOTT WHO DIED |
OCTOBER YE 29TH 1737. | AGED 15 & 6 MONTHS.

HERE LIES BURIED THE | BODY OF ENSIGN SAMUEL |
GOTT; WAS BORN NOVEMB^R | YE 30TH IN Y^E YEAR 1695
| AND DIED AUGUST Y^E 22^D | IN Y^E YEAR 1752. | AGED
57 YEARS.

⁶e Lies Buried | Body of Mr. | ANIEL GOTT | o de-
parted this life | o^t ye 5 1758 in y^e | 5^h Year of His Age.

LYDIA GOTT THE DAUGHTER OF M^R | SAMUEL & HAN-
NANH | GOTT DIED NOU^R | 4^H 1828 IN Y^E | 2TH YEAR OF
| HER AGE.

SAMUEL GOTT THE | SON OF MR. SAMUEL | & HAN-
NAH GOTT | DIED JULY 27TH | 1736 & IN Y^E | 5TH YEAR |
OF HIS AGE.

Here Lies the body | of Lievtent^t John Gott | Who
died the 25th | of January 1722-3 | in the 54^{year} of his
Age.

Here lies y^e Body of | M^r John Gott Son | of Mr. John
Gott, | who departed this life | Oct y^e 15th 1775. | Aged
23 years.

With Cheerful heart I close mine Eyes
Since thou in Youth remoue;
and in the Morning let me Rise
Rejoicing in thy Love.

In Memory of | MRS. REBECCA MOULTON | who died
| Sept. 2, 1823. | Æ 83.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish while they sleep in dust.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF M^{RS} | EXPERIENCE
TARBOX | WHO DEPARTED | THIS LIFE MARCH | THE 2ND
1739 | IN THE 85 YEAR | OF HER AGE.

⁶ A narrow strip on the left side of the stone, containing a part of the inscription,
is broken off.

In Memory of | Cap^t Thomas | Tarbox Who | Departed
This | Life January The | 9th 1774 And in | The 90th
year | of His Age.

Here Lies Buried the Body of | M^{rs} ESTHER TARBOX
| wife to Capt | THOMAS TARBOX | who Departed this
Life | August the 20th 1766 | in the 85 Year | of her Age.

In Memory of | DEAC^N SAMUEL TARBOX | Wh^o Departed
this | Life April Y^e 30th 1784 | in the 69th Year | of his
age.

The sweet Memory of Y^e Just Shall
Flourish While they Sleep in Dust.

In Memory of | Mary Tarbox W^d of | Deac. Sam^l Tar-
box, | Who died Aug. 2^d 1792 | Aged 74 Years.

The sweet remembrance of the just
Shall flourish while they sleep in dust.

ERECTED | In Memory of | MR. RICHARD HOOD | A
Soldier of the Revolution | who died Nov. 19, 1835 ; |
Aged 84 year. | Also his wife | MRS LYDIA HOOD | died
March 10, 1824 ; | Aged 70 years.

They sleep till death its human prey restore,
When earth and skies and time shall be no more.

In memory of | MISS BETSEY HOOD, | who died | Dec.
19, 1839, | Aged 64.

Be ye also ready ; for in such
an hour as ye think not,
the Son of man cometh.

In Memory of | NATHANIEL BROWN ESQ. | who de-
parted this life | June 27th 1778, in the | 73^d year of his
age.

They that sleep in Jesus, God
will bring with him.

HERE LIES Y^e | BODY OF MRS | ELIZABETH BROWN Y^e |
WIFE OF MR. NATHANIEL | BROWN WHO DIED | SEPTEMBER Y^e 4th | 1731 IN Y^e 54th | YEAR OF HER AGE.

In Memory of | MRS. ANNA BROWN | wife of | NATHANIEL BROWN ESQ^r. | who departed this life | Sep^r. 9th 1781, in the | 63^d year of her age.

Blessed are the dead which
die in the Lord.

Here Lies y^e Body | of M^{rs} Hannah y^e | Wife of Nath^l Brown | Died Sept^r the 11 | 1750 in her 62^d year.

In Memory of | CAPT. PELATIAH BROWN, | who died | Feb. 14, 1830; | aged 94 years.

In Memory of | MRS HANNAH BROWN, | wife of | CAP^t. PALATIAH BROWN, | who departed this life | Feb. 1st 1801 in the 61st | year of her age.

Pass on my friends dry up your tears
I must lie here till christ appears.
Death is a debt to nature due
I've paid the debt & so must you,

SACRED | to the memory of | MRS. ELIZABETH BROWN | wife to the late | Capt. Pelatiah Brown | who died | July 21, 1836, | in the 92 year of her | Age.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | CAPT. JOHN BAKER | WHO DIED SEPT^r. | 8th 1745 IN | THE 45 YEAR | OF HIS AGE.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | M^{rs} SARAH BAKER | WIFE OF CAP^t | JOHN BAKER DIED | JANUARY 2 1743 | IN Y^e 36 YEAR | OF HER AGE.

JOHN BAKER | SON OF CAP^T | JOHN & SARAH | BAKER
DIED SEP^T | 22 1745 IN | THE 21 YEAR | OF HIS AGE.

HENRY A. BAKER, | son of | Mr. Cornelius & | Mrs.
Caroline Baker; | Born Sep. 2, 1820, | Died Aug. 31,
1821.

In Memory of | M^{rs} Anna Herrick | wife of | Mr. John
Herrick | who died | December 25th | 1769. | Aged 95
years.

In Memory of | MR. JOSHUA HERRICK, | who died |
April 3, 1830; | in the 79 year | of his age.

In Memory of | MRS. RACHEL HERRICK | wife of | MR.
JOSHUA HERRICK | who died | Sept. 14, 1813, | Æt 50.

JOSHUA HERRICK JR. | Died June 2, 1853, | Aged 70
Years.

Mrs. Sarah A | Wife of | Joshua Herrick Jr. | Died |
June 6, 1843, | Aged 56.

Memento Mori | In Memory of | DEAN JOHN FRIEND |
who Departed this | Life Feb^y y^e 25th 1785; | Aged 67
years.

The Great I am his Summons Sends
And Calls us to the Grave
Then Like him Self Thunders Alowd
And Calls us to the Skies.

In Memory of | Mr. JOHN FRIEND | who died | Nov.
20 1793; | in the 55 year of his age.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

In Memory of | M^{rs} SARAH FRIEND | wife of M^r JOHN
FRIEND JUN^R | who departed this Life | May y^e 4th 1766
| Aged 22 Years.

HANNAH, | wife of | JOHN FRIEND | died | Jan. 19,
1829, | A.E. 83.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF | M^{RS}. SARAH FRIEND
| WIFE OF DEACON | JOHN FRIEND WHO | DEPARTED THIS
LIFE | JAN^{RY} THE 28 A.D. | 1763 AND IN | THE 78 YEAR |
OF HER AGE.

BETHIAH | DAUGHTER OF | M^R. JOHN AND | MARTHA
| FRIEND WHO | DIED | JAN^{RY} 28 | 1765 IN THE | TENTH
YEAR | OF HER AGE.

In Memory | of | SIMEON FRIEND | Born May 7, 1780,
| Died March 10, | 1860. | Also his wife | HANNAH P.
FRIEND, | Born July 24, 1784, | Died Nov. 20. | 1862.

MARY E. | dau^r of | Simeon & Hannah | FRIEND, |
Died | Dec. 14, 1839, | A.E. 23.

In Memory of | MR. RICHARD FRIEND | who died |
Nov. 4 1788, | in the 47 year | of his Age.

In Memory of | MRS HANNAH FRIEND | relict of the
late | Mr. Richard Friend | who died | Feb. 14 1807 ; |
in the 62 year of her age.

In Memory of, | MISS PRISCILLA FRIEND, | who died |
Jan. 28, 1834 | aged 81 years.

In Memory of | EDITH FRIEND | who died | Jan. 8,
1844, | Aged 65 Yrs.

“ Adieu, my friends a long adieu,
I leave the joys of earth with you,
I seek a heav’nly prize.
May you in Jesus, too be found
And when the trump of God shall sound,
In his blest image rise.”

NANCY FRIEND, | Died | May 18, 1862, | Aged 87 yrs.

No cloud those blissful regions know,
Relms ever bright and fair ;
For sin, the source of mortal wo,
Can never enter there.

In Memory of | MR. JAMES FRIEND, | who died | March
4, 1831, | aged 90 years.

Far from affliction, toil and care,
The happy soul is fled;
The breathless clay shall slumber here
Among the silent dead.

In Memory of | MRS. ANNA FRIEND | who died | Nov.
2, 1815, | aged 75 years. | Also | MRS. SUSANNA FRIEND
| who died | Feb. 16, 1831, | aged 77 years. | Wives of
Mr. James Friend.

HERE LIES BURIED | THE BODY OF MR^s | LOES THE
WIFE OF | MR ISAAC DODGE | WHO DEPARTED | THIS LIFE
SEP^r 11TH | 1752 IN THE 38TH | YEAR OF HER AGE.

In Memory of | MR. PETER DODGE | who died Sept.
14th | 1795. | Aged 71 Years.

In | Memory of | Widow | ELIZABETH DODGE. | wife
of | Mr. Peter Dodge, | who died | June 21, 1821 ; | in the
85 year of | her age.

MRS. REBECCA DODGE, | Died Oct. 10, 1825 ; | aged 50
years.

MISS REBECCA F. DODGE | died April 11, 1827, | aged
24 years.

MRS : LYDIA DODGE | Died | June 18, 1845 ; | Aged 58.

"She sleeps in Jesus and is blest,
How sweet her slumbers are,
From suffering and from sin released,
And free from every care."

JOHN T. DODGE | died Feb. 26, 1836, | aged 46 y'rs 9
mos.

HARRIET SHAW | wife of | JOHN T. DODGE | Born Apr.
13, 1793, | Died May 1, 1876.

Martha Ann, | Died Nov. 5, 1820 | Æt. 3. | Harriet
G. | died Nov. 7, 1820, | Æt. 1. | Children of Capt. John
T. & | Mrs. Harriet S. Dodge.

Though thy presence so endearing,
We thy absence now deplore;
At the Saviors bright appearing
We shall meet to part no more.

Priscilla Dodge.⁷

The Property of | UZZIEL DODGE. | Built 1827.⁸

In | Memory of | M^R JOHN GARDNER | who died Oc-
tober 27th 1805. | Æ 74 Years.

M^{RS} ELIZABETH GARDNER, | died Oct. 12th 1823, | aged
86.

SAMUEL BLANCHARD ESQ. | Died May 4, 1813, | Aged
57.

M^{RS} ELIZABETH BLANCHARD | died June 24, 1816. |
Aged 57 years.

FRANCIS BLANCHARD ESQ. | Died June 26th 1813, | aged
29 years.

In Memory of | MRS. LUCY ORNE, | wife of | CHARLES
HENRY ORNE, | of Salem; and daughter of the late |
SAMUEL BLANCHARD, Esq. | of Wenham | Died June 16,
1815. | Æt. 22.

In Memory of | Mr. | EDWARD PERKINS, | who | de-
parted this life | June 13, 1853, | Æt. 93 Yrs. 11 mo's. 21
d'ys.

Blessed are the dead, which die in the Lord.

⁷ This inscription is on the footstone. The face of the headstone containing the inscription is shelled off and lost.

⁸ This inscription is on the stone erected over the front end of the tomb.

Mrs. | SALLY | wife of | Mr. Edward Perkins, | died
May 30, 1821 | \AA Et. 58.

Friends nor Physician could not save
My mortal Body from the grave.

Here Lies y^e body | of Hannah y^e | wife of Thomas |
Perkins who | died October y^e 2^d | 17(—)^y in y^e 37 year
| of her age.

SACRED | To the Memory of | Mr. JOHN PERKINS, |
who died | Feb. 4, 1847 ; | Aged 93.

Mrs. ABIGAIL | widow of the late | Samuel Ober (de-
ceased) | Died | Oct. 3, A. D. 1854, | Aged 96 y^{rs}. | &
6 mos.

In Memory of | SAMUEL OBER, | who died | April 14,
1833 ; | Aged 80.

Also two of his Sons | JOSIAH OBER, | died in Balti-
more | Oct. 24, 1793 : | Aged 14½ years.

OLIVER OBER, | died April 21, 1805 ; | Aged 24 years.

ELIZABETH K. OBER | Daughter of Oliver OBER | died
Jan. 4, 1804 | Aged 4½ months.

ABIGAIL H. TUTTLE | Died | Mar. 7, 1870 | \AA E. 79
y^{rs}.

At rest.

In Memory of | Miss HANNAH GOODRID^{GE} | who died |
June 9 1796. | \AA Et. 54.

Death is a debt to nature due,
I've paid the debt & so must you.

* The last two figures of the year are illegible. The church records give the year 1727.

In memory of | Mary | widow of | Capt. Joseph Lambert | and Daughter of | Capt John White | who died | Nov. 5, 1802 | Aged 68.

BENJAMIN HOWE | Son of | Samuel & Priscilla | CO-NANT | Died Aug. 12, 1842. | Aged 16 Months.

In Memory of | AARON D. BARNES | WHO DIED | July 28, 1845, | Æ. 40 yrs.

Paul M. Barnes | Died May 29, 1821 : | Aged 14 years.

“ Not lost, but gone before.”

ELIZABETH | wife of Daniel | MERRILL. | DIED | Feb. 8, 1827, | Æ. 38 y'rs.

AMOS F. | HOBBS. | DIED—Aug. 1 1841. | Æ. 46.

BETHIAH G. | relict of | Amos F. Hobbs, | died | March 6, 1860, | aged 65 yrs. 8 mos.

SACRED | To the Memory of | Miss MARY WHITTREDGE | who died | March 10 1827, | aged 21 years.

Sleep precious dust, in calm repose,
The toils and pains, are at a close;
Thy happy soul with Jesus rests
In heavenly mansions with the blest.

In Memory of | 2 children of | Mr Henry & | Mrs. Mary Potter.

HENRY WILLIAM, | died July 22, 1826 ; | aged 4 years & 9 mo. | WILLIAM HENRY | died Dec. 2, 1820 ; | Aged 6 days.

The fairest rose must fade and fall,
Death loves a shining mark.

ANNIS C. | Daughter of | HARVEY & MARY JANE |
PIERCE, | Died Sep^t 23 1845 ; | Aged 9 years and | 5
months.

Jesus removed the lovely flower,
Safe to his own immortal bower,
To bloom in Paradise more fair
And shed a richer fragrance there.

REBECCA S. | wife of | Ezra Shattuck. | Died Feb. 3
1833, Aged 37 y^rs.

Then shall the dust return unto earth as it was, and the spirit shall
return unto the God who gave it.

In Memory of | MR. NATH^l B. SHATTUCK, | who died |
Feb. 27, 1843 ; | Aged 34.

WILLIAM LANGMAID, | Died | Dec. 11, 1856 | Aged 40
yrs. | & 9 mos.

In Memory of | Mr. | NATHAN PRESTON | who died |
April 10, 1826, | Aged 40.

ELIZABETH D. | died Dec. 24, 1813, | Aged 4 yrs. 7
mos. | WILLIAM H. | Died Dec. 23, 1825 | Aged 4 Yrs :
6 mos. | Children of | Nathan & Hannah | PRESTON.

THOMAS MASURY, | Died | Jan. 22, 1846, | Aged 50. |
Father.

Wm. | RHODES | who departed | this Life | Sept. 23,
1851, | aged 61 yrs. | & 5 mos.

Children methinks I see
you weep,
Though far across the sea,
But do not let your
spirits droop,
I never shall happier be.

DAVID | STARRETT, | died | Mar. 13, 1845. | Æ. 45.

SACRED | To the Memory of | MRS. MARY | wife of Mr.
David | STARRETT, | who died | Sept. 5, 1837 | Aged 35.

Dear friends, be wise as serpents,
The fading state of things to see,
Let every moment be a day,
Direct your thoughts to God, be true.

LOUISA RESTIEAUX | daughter of Mrs. F. and M.
Starrett, | Died | Aug. 14, 1837 | Aged 10.

MARY ANN | daughter of | Sept. 10, 1837 | Aged 10
Starrett | died Sept. 15, 1837 | Aged 5 mos.

SACRED | To the Memory of | JOHN W. | born April
5, 1792 | Died June 10, 1838

A Man of Worth

ANNAH ELIZABETH | dau. of Isaac W. & Edith
R. | DAVIS | DIED | July 10, 1853 | Aged 1 yr. 9 mos.

Alas, how changed the lovely flower
Which bloomed and cheered our hearts,
Fair smiling comfort of an hour
How soon we're call'd to part!

HALCY K. | died Apr. 7, 1838, | \pm E. 2 yrs. 5 mo. |
ORIN A. | died Sept. 9, 1834 | \pm E. 1 yr. 4 mos. |
LYDIA A. | died Jan. 4, 1831, | Children of John | &
Nancy W. | MILDAM.

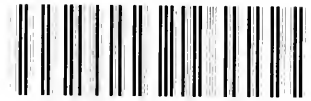
Sleep on sweet babes
and take your rest
For Jesus Christ
doth think it best.

E K¹¹

¹⁰ Removed to the family lot in the new part of the "ground" in April, 1884.

¹¹ The above initials are inscribed on a common slab stone standing at a small grave near the "monument" of the Rev. Joseph Gerrish.

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